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LADY DELACOMBE'S FLOWERS

The posy of flowers which was presented to Lady Delacombe, wife of the Governor, on proclamation day by Miss Denise Crofts evoked considerable comment from people that day and since the publication in last week's Star of a photograph of the official party in which the posy held by Lady Delacombe can be seen to advantage. Indeed it was one of the day's 'highlights' to hear Lady Delacombe's remarks of pleasure and later comments when she learned who had fashioned the posy.

The flowers can best be described as an 1820 type posy composed of flowers from several Altona home gardens and comprised about 170 blooms. The posy was devised and made by Mrs. J. W. Waters, wife of the Town Clerk. Mrs. Waters collected the flowers and described the posy as regular circles of varying flowerets ranging from the vibrant blue of cornflower to the delicate shades of mauve alyssum and the pink of carnations and Cecil Brunner roses, both in bud and full bloom, framed in green leaves and finished with a frill of pink tulle.

The centre piece was a pink rosebud surrounded by 10 concentric circles of: white alyssum 8, fuschia 8, rose buds 16, geranium 20, ageratum 20, another ring of cecil brunner roses 20, more alyssum 30, carnations 18, lavender 20 and green leaves 10. (Total — 171).

Technical School Principal Dies

Mr. J. A. (Arch.) Douglas, A.M.I.E. (Aust.), principal of Altona North Technical School, died suddenly at Lakes Entrance on Thursday, aged 57 years

Holidaying at the Lakes, he was on a day boat trip when he collapsed and died.

A chartered engineer, Mr. Douglas began his teaching career 37 years ago.

After finishing his student days at Footscray Technical College he joined the staff as a teacher and later returned to the school for four years as its vice principal.

In between he taught at Collingwood and Caulfield and was the first principal of the Victorian Railways Technical College when it moved to a new building at North Williamstown.

He came from Footscray College to the Altona school at the beginning of 1968.

Mr. Douglas had lived in Williamstown for 53 years.

He was the immediate past president of the Williamstown Lions Club, a member of the Committee of the Williamstown Elderly Citizens Village Society and a member of Williamstown Bowling Club.

In his younger days he played tennis with the Liston Club.

Mr. Douglas, who lived at 157 Melbourne Road, is survived by his wife and son and daughter, Graeme and Lynette.

His funeral was held over until today pending the arrival of his son, a civil Engineer, from Bougainville, New Guinea.

Roadside Rubbish Dumpers Caught Near Tip

Altona Council has perhaps provided the most suitable hours for residents to be able to dispose of their rubbish at the tip.

The tip off Blackshaws Road is open till 6 p.m., seven days per week. In most other areas, tips are not open for such a lengthy time every day of the week.

Recently, residents who arrived after 6 p.m. and found the gates locked have been dumping their rubbish on nearby roadsides.

A number of these offenders have been caught and could be prosecuted.

Several people have been summoned to appear in court.

Maximum penalty for the offence is $200.

1969 AUSTRALASIAN DARTS CHAMPIONSHIPS AT A.W.M.C.

Easter 1969 will see Victoria as the host State for the 6th Australasian Darts titles, with teams from all States and New Zealand competing.

All matches will be played at the Altona Working Men's Club.

Darts, as a competitive sport, is growing rapidly in Australia.

Not only are there league competitions and State championships, but since 1964 there has been the Australasian championships.

Last year a new competition was started in Victoria solely for teams from licensed clubs.

Six clubs entered the competition which was won by the Altona Working Men's Club.

The next series when it is hoped more teams from licensed clubs will be playing starts on March 3.

Play Centre a Popular Event

The National Fitness Play Centre on Grant Reserve has proved as popular as ever with the youngsters of Altona.

Some three hundred and fifty children have been daily attending the centre, based at the Youth Club in Civic Parade.

Numbers are down on last year but this is due to youngsters from Laverton and Werribee being able for the first time to attend play centres in their own aera.

Soft Ball, rounders, cricket, soccer, swimming, arts and crafts and day excursions occupy the children.

Eighteen of the children passed tests at the Werribee Baths for the Herald Certificate.

On Monday Altona was host to children from a Sunshine centre and tomorrow will have another group down from Templestowe.

Yesterday (Tuesday) the youngsters provided and served afternoon tea to the elderly citizens at their club rooms in Sargood Street, after first entertaining them with a concert.

The concert will be repeated for the benefit of parents, in the Civic Hall on Friday aftenoon, starting at 2 p.m.

Day trips have included visits to the museum, Newport Fire Station, the pantomime, Black and White Minstrels Show, the Zoo, Werribee Swimming Pool and the Footscray Bowling Alley where the children filled all the lanes.

Today at a field day in Werribee they competed in novelty races, swimming races and played rounders against a Werribee team.

For the seven years the Altona play centre has been in operation it has been under the capable direction of Mr. Bill Hodgson, a teacher at Altona North Technical School.

This year he has had eight assistants including two teachers who have helped at the centre for several years, two teachers from Tasmania and another four primary teachers.

Unfortunately for the children this year may be the last year at the centre for their popular director Mr. Hodgson.

If all goes well he is planning a trip next Christmas to visit his family in England.

U.S. OFFICE APPOINTMENT FOR ALTONA SECRETARY

An Altona girl, Dana Medal, is one of two Australian girls being sent to work at offices of Trans Australian Airlines in the United States.

Dana, the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Medal of Purnell Street, Altona, leaves Australia on February 1 for a 2-year appointment as assistant to the Sales Manager, in the New York Sales office.

A Sydney lass is going to the Los Angeles office.

These are the first appointments of Australian girls to T.A.A.'s American offices. Previously American girls were engaged.

For the last two years Dana has been secretary to the Assistant Staff Manager of T.A.A.'s Melbourne Office.

Previously to this she worked for four years in the Altona office of Foreshore Real Estate.

Last March she had a trip to Europe.

On her way to New York, 22 year old Dana will stay a week with the sales office in Los Angeles. She will be travelling extensively in the States doing promotional work for T.A.A.

When T.A.A. decided to send Australian girls to their overseas offices, the vacancies were advertised throughout the company's Australian offices.

Twenty T.A.A. employed girls applied for the positions and Dana was one of the two successful applicants.

Dana was educated at Altona Primary and Williamstown High Schools.

GUEST FROM PAPUA

House guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Waters at Seaholme for the next few weeks is Mr. Idau Tau of Port Moresby.

Mr. Tau who has completed the second year of an arts course at the University of Papua and New Guinea at Port Moresby, recently attended the annual Somers Camp. He is now working in a clerical position at Altona Petro-Chemical Co. as part of vacation employment.

Mr. Tau hopes to become either a teacher or officer of the Papua & N.G. Education Dept. on completion of the University Course.

Mr. Tau who did his secondary schooling at Rockhampton (Q) Grammar School has undertaken a great variety of school vacational duties over the last few years and last year acted as an interpreter and news reader for the Moresby Broadcasting station.

Susan Relaxes on the Sand

Susan Medal of Purnell Street, Altona, has found relief from the near century heat.

After work she heads for the sands of Altona beach beside Apex Park at the western end of the Esplanade.

EDITORIAL

The Jewel of Office

The presentation of a Jewel of office to the mayoress of Altona was more than an appropriate and pleasing gesture.

It was significant action which in itself could lead to a change in municipal procedure throughout Australia.

Up to now the mayoress of any city, acted and attended functions in the capacity of ex-officio in the second degree. That is, she was there as the wife or in some cases, as the close relative of the mayor.

By its action the council has simply decided the mayoress can act in her own right. In effect she has been appointed by the council.

With the fuller implications of this decision we are not here concerned, though it can have far reaching effects.

However, it can be seen that the Jewel is both an honour and a responsibility to duty.

No more worthy person than Mrs. June Crofts could first wear this token or hold the trust implicit in the acceptance of the Jewel of office.

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Art & Art Metalwork —
Thursdays 7-9 p.m.

Enrolments — Thursday, February 13th, 6-8 p.m. or at any class session. **Fees** Moderate. Further details available on application.

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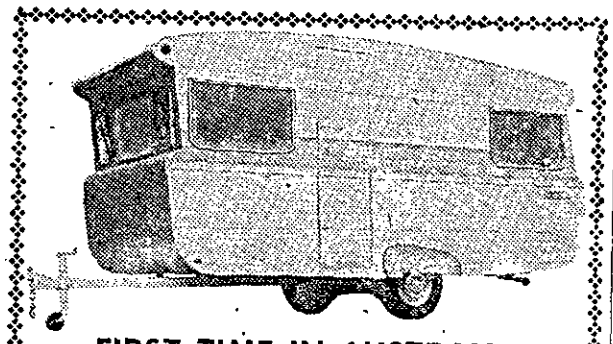

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FIRST PASSENGERS OF V. RAILWAYS CARRIED ON WILLIAMSTOWN LINE

January 13 marked the 110th anniversary of the running of the first Victorian Railways train — from Melbourne to Williamstown and Sunbury.

Recalling this pioneering event, the Victorian Railways Commissioners said last week that the Williamstown and Sunbury lines were the first Victorian Government lines to be built. Earlier railways had been constructed by private companies.

Public traffic started on the Williamstown line on January 17, 1859, which also co-incided with the public opening of Spencer Street station. Sunbury line trains started on February 2, 1859.

At the time of opening, the Williamstown line cost $1,394,000, the biggest item being the Saltwater River (now Maribyrnong River) bridge between Footscray and South Kensington which cost $180,000. The 216 ft. long bridge was then the longest railway bridge in the State.

The important day, January 13, was declared a public holiday in Melbourne. A special train left Spencer Street station for Sunbury at 7 a.m. carrying members of the Volunteer Artillery Corps with howzerts, etc., the 40th Regiment band, and catering staff.

The official train steamed off three hours later with the Governor, Sir Henry Barkly, and the State's top officials. It travelled at about 30 miles an hour and, on arrival at Williamstown, the batteries at Point Gellibrand Fort fired a 19-gun salute. The 70 or more ships at anchor in Hobson's Bay were dressed with flags.

Williamstown's municipal clerk (Frank Tattersall) read a speech of welcome. However, before he ended, the dais collapsed, dumping many of the dignitaries. The oration was concluded on the ground.

Later, the train set off, via Footscray, for Sunbury where the official party walked to Jackson's Creek and the Governor laid the foundation stone of the viaduct.

There was concern about the non-arrival of the two following trains from Melbourne. They were due at Sunbury at quarter-hour intervals after the official train.

A mounted messenger was sent to look for the trains that had been delayed at several places because of engine trouble on the steep grades. On three or four occasions male passengers got out and pushed the trains up the grades.

Ultimately, at about 4 p.m., the 1,500 hungry guests enjoyed the official luncheon at Sunbury.

Excursion Trains to Queenscliff

Summer Sunday excursion trains started running to Queenscliff from Melbourne on December 29.

Stating this today, the Victorian Railways Commissioners said that the service from Melbourne would continue until March 9.

The train will leave Flinders Street at 9.22 a.m., stop at Spencer Street, Footscray, Newport, then all stations except Paisley, Galvin, Aircraft and Manor, to reach Queenscliff at 11.45 a.m.

Full details of time-tables and fares are available from railway stations and Victour, 272 Collins Street, Melbourne.

V.R. FIRST

The Victorian Railways pioneered the introduction in Victoria of self-propelled road transport for the public. This was in 1905 when they ran a steam-powered bus between Prahran station and the Malvern Town Hall.

ANTIQUE TELEPHONES

The Director, Posts and Telegraphs, Mr. G. N. Smith, said last week that people thinking of buying an antique-style telephone should be aware that only one of the types now on sale in Australia could be connected to the Post Office telephone network.

The Classical French Cradle Telephone bearing a fixed metal plate showing the Post Office permit number was the only one which the Post Office would install at present. This instrument had been modified by the supplier for use in Australia by the inclusion of approved components and could be installed as an extension telephone upon application to the Post Office.

Other antique-type telephones could not be installed because they were below the approved technical standard. Their use in the Australian network would have a serious effect on the quality of service of telephone calls to and from these antique instruments.

Mr. Smith reminded people that it was an offence to connect any telephone or telephone apparatus to the Post Office network without first obtaining departmental permission, and that offenders could be prosecuted under the telephone regulations.

FLOODS FOR VICTORIA LONG RANGE FORECAST

A special long range weather forecast calendar specially prepared for Goodyear, Australia's largest tyre company, by Mr. R. Lennox Walker, Director of Crohamhurst Observatory, predicts widespread floods in Victoria in November next.

The colourful pictorial calendar featuring scenic beauty spots from many parts of the world, provides long range forecasts for all Australian States for the next 12 months.

It is the 10th annual long range forecast specifically prepared for Goodyear by Mr. Lennox Walker.

Victoria should also get good general rains in February and April.

BOOKINGS

In Victoria, most country railway stations, 23 metropolitan stations, and the two city stations — in all, about 500 stations — can arrange rail travel anywhere over Australia's 25,000 miles of railway.

Another 116 metropolitan stations can book Victorian rail travel.

TECH. SCHOOL EXTENDS NIGHT CLASSES

Painting, illustrating graphic arts and art metal are new subjects which will be taught at this year's evening classes at Altona North Technical School.

As last year classes also will be available for those wishing to study intermediate mathematics or science, typing, shorthand and woodwork hobbies.

Additional classes will be conducted if there are sufficient applicants.

Nights and times of classes are advertised elsewhere in this paper.

Further details may be obtained by telephoning the school, 391-3055.

ROAD SAFETY HINTS

Thongs, loose fitting sandals or high heeled shoes should never be worn while driving. They are too likely to slip from the pedals.

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Don't buckle your seat belt. Then you can buckle your steering wheel.

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Schedule your trip at a reasonable speed. It is better to arrive late than to be 'the late'.

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Tyre pressures need checking as often in the summer as at other times of the year. But it is a mistake to over-inflate tyres in order to save the bother of constant checking. Over-inflation of tyres increases the wear on the vehicle, increases the cost of maintenance, leads to uneven wear of the tyre tread, and add to the danger of skidding. Consult the manufacturer's manual and maintain the recommended pressures.

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Impatience, inattention and irritation can be killers on the road. Anticipation and concentration are the secrets of safe, pleasant driving.

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Dipping your headlights for oncoming traffic is not only a legal obligation but a courtesy. Dip and drive with care for night safety on the road.

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Driving without a windscreen can become necessary if shattering occurs. In such circumstances, all the windows of the car should be closed, thus forming an air pocket which makes driving more comfortable.

Always remove loose glass from a shattered windscreen before proceeding, to avoid fragments blowing back on passengers.

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Drivers who are not familiar with the towing of caravans are advised to practise towing, and particularly reversing, in a quiet area before setting off on a trip.

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Undimmed headlights could become dead lights.

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Heading away for a holiday? Then make sure you arrive safely. Long trip or short, if you're driving, take your time and use that seat belt every mile of the way.

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The driver behind can't read your mind.

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Holiday drinking causes lots of trouble in holiday traffic. Please give sober thought to the drive home, and have a trouble-free holiday.

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A little brew can blur your view.

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Slow up here and show up there.

A LIGHT COULD SAVE A LIFE WARNING TO CYCLISTS

Highway accidents that involve bicycles could be greatly reduced if cyclists, young and old could be convinced of the importance of proper lighting equipment for night riding, according to an official of Goodyear Australia.

Last year 93 persons were killed and 3,448 injured in Australia in motor vehicle-bicycle collisions, said Mr. S. H. Buzby, Managing Director of Goodyear Australia. A majority of these, Mr. Buzby said, occur at night.

Studies by safety groups and police officials have shown, Mr. Buzby said, that a great number of these bicycles and others not involved in accidents, do not have lights or other equipment suitable for riding on roads or highways after dark.

The ideal lighting or reflector system for a bicycle, Mr. Buzby said, is a headlight that can be seen by oncoming traffic from 500 feet away and a tail light or reflector which can be seen by following traffic from at least 300 feet away.

"A 20 cent reflector could save a life" he said.

ALTONA WORKING MEN'S CLUB

COMING EVENTS

Following the Christmas holiday break lunches are again available at the club on Fridays and Saturdays as well as tea each Saturday night.

Indoor bowlers are back on the mats. Practice is held each Tuesday and matches on Thursdays.

Entries close shortly for a Snooker Tournament starting on February 6. Prizes will be presented to the winner and runner-up.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 —

The first Birthday Dance of the year.

Dances follow each Saturday Night.

FEBRUARY 5 —

General meeting for all members at 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 24 —

Associates Meeting. Guest speaker Mrs. Gillam-Hunt will talk on South Africa.

MARCH 1 —

Associates Country and Western Dance and Barbecue Night. Prizes for the best dressed lady and gent.

COLLINGS — EVANS WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Ian Leslie Collings cut the wedding cake after their marriage on December 23 at the Altona North Catholic Church of St. Leo the Great.

The bride, the former Miss Ronda Helen Evans, is the youngest daughter of Mrs. E. M. Evans of Millers Road, Altona North, and the late Mr. G. R. Evans.

For several years up till the end of 1968 the bride was the popular physical education teacher at Altona High School.

The groom, also a teacher, is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Collings of Box Hill North.

The service was conducted by Rev. Father J. Kierce, assisted by the Rev. A. Boquest of the Methodist Church. Throughout the service the Lourdes Boys' Choir sang.

Mr. William Evans of Swan Hill gave his sister away.

The bride made her own wedding gown, frocks for the flower girls, bouquets and decorated the wedding cake made by her mother.

Her own mediaeval styled gown of silk embroidered French nylon fell into a long Cathedral train from the high waist.

A medieval cap of the gown material held in place her long veil. She carried a trailer of cream water lilies.

The pearls she wore were a gift from the groom.

Bridesmaids were her sister, Margaret, and niece Leonie Anderson. The other nieces Catherine and Michelle Evans were flower-girls.

All wore empire line frocks of coin gold silk shantung and carried snowballs of white carnations.

Best man was the groom's brother Andrew and groomsman, Russell Padgham.

The bride's mother wore an ensemble of mushroom coloured faille. The dress was trimmed with bronze beading and the coat and lace hat with hand-made faille roses.

An organza and chiffon ensemble was worn by the groom's mother. Her sheath frock of printed watermelon pink chiffon was topped by a coat of watermelon organza.

The reception was at Kenilworth, South Yarra.

For their honeymoon the couple toured Victoria and ended up sapphire mining in northern New South Wales.

They are making their home in Geelong where the groom is a teacher at the Gordon Institute of Technology and the bride will teach at Geelong High.

NEW ARMY CAPTAIN IN ALTONA

Captain H. Cooper has been appointed for a term of service with the Salvation Army in Altona. He replaces Captain K. Aumont who is now at Rochester.

Captain Cooper was at Kensington before taking up his post at Altona.

DRIVE TO SURVIVE

Safety is a very personal thing. Most accidents happen to individuals and more importantly, most accidents can be prevented by individuals.

This is true in industry, in the home, in, on and under the water and particularly so on the roads.

So if every individual on the roads this summer can remember this when at the wheel or when crossing a street — that accidents can be prevented by his or her alertness and anticipation — then we will save a lot of lives and a lot of money.

Engagement Rochester — Stephenson

Mr. and Mrs. Windsor Rochester of Brooke St., Inglewood, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter Melita to Alan, younger son of Mrs. John Gates, the late Mr. E. M. Stephenson and step-son of Mr. John Gates, of 5 Curlew Avenue, Altona.

ALTONA HIGH SCHOOL BURGLAR ALARM

Altona High School is to have a burglar alarm installed.

Last week the Altona Star published portion of a speech by Mr. W. L. Floyd, M.L.A., in which he appealed strongly for the installation of a burglar alarm at this school.

He has now been advised by letter from, Mr. John Rossiter, Minister of Education, "I wish to advise you that approval has now been given for the installation of a burglar alarm system and the work is in the hands of the Public Works Department to be carried out as early as practicable".

UNDERGROUNDS

The latest cities interested in building underground railways are Venice and Calcutta.

The Union Minister for Shipping and Transport in Calcutta, Mr. V. K. R. V. Rao, has asked the State Government to prepare a plan for an underground in that city. In the minister's view, Calcutta's transport problems could not be solved without an underground railway.

In Venice, an investigating Commission's report states "A railway scores by its speed, passenger capacity, safety, regularity, absence of fumes, and smaller tube size".

THOSE CAMELS AGAIN

Are camels cattle? This question first mentioned in the Altona Star (November 27, 1968) is still exercising the minds of those in high places.

On December 10 the member for Deer Park, Cr. J. J. Ginifer had this to say:

"In his second-reading speech, the Minister intimated that by this Bill the definition of cattle is being extended to include camels. This is mainly necessary to deal with straying camels in the north-west of the State. Of late, there have been one or two instances of camels straying within the Melbourne metropolitan area, but they have been owned by journeying men. With the exception of some municipalities on the fringe of Melbourne, metropolitan municipalities detain animals not under the provisions of the Pounds Act but under provisions of the Local Government Act. Will the new definition of cattle, which includes camels, apply in those municipalities? I would not expect the Minister to have the information at the moment, but when the matter is under consideration this point should be borne in mind".

CAUGHT

A man charged with travelling on the railways on an expired ticket, with intent to evade payment of fare, had his case dismissed at a suburban court recently, after having given sworn evidence that, owing to special circumstances, he had forgotten to buy a ticket.

After leaving the court, the man entered a train and was detected travelling to Melbourne without a ticket for the journey. Charged with that offence at the same court, he was convicted and fined $14 with $2.50 costs.

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CUB PACK MEETING

The 4th Altona Cub Pack will hold their first Pack meeting for 1969 on Wednesday, February 12, at 6 p.m., at the Scout Hall.

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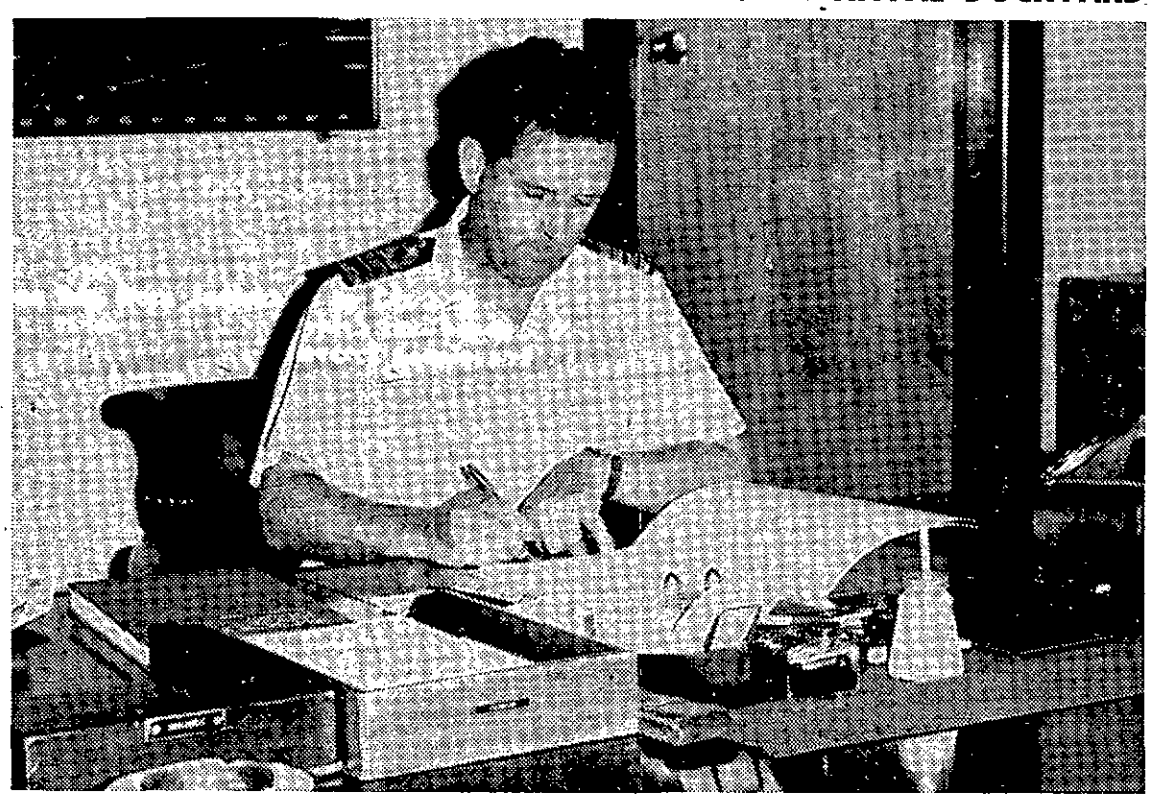

Captain M. P. Reed, R.A.N. commenced duty as General Manager, H.M.A. Naval Dockyard, Williamstown on January 5, 1969. He relieved Captain F. F. Lord, R.A.N. who has transferred to a new appointment at Navy Office, Canberra.

Born at Greenwich, N.S.W. in 1922, and entered the Royal Australian Naval College in 1936. He graduated in August, 1939, and went to sea in H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA, where he served as a midshipman until commencing engineering training in April, 1940.

After graduating from the Royal Naval Engineering College, Devonport, England, in August, 1943, he returned to Australia and served in H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA during the Pacific Campaign.

He was appointed to Garden Island Dockyard in 1945. Another period in the AUSTRALIA followed his Dockyard time, and from 1949-51 he served in London on the staff of the Naval Liaison Officer. Before returning to Australia in 1952 he completed a specialist course in Ordnance Engineering.

Service in H.M.A.S. SYDNEY during 1952-54 took him on a world trip during the Coronation cruise and to Korea at the latter end of the Korean conflict.

During a period of Dockyard service at Garden Island Dockyard, where he was armament assistant from 1954-56, he was promoted to Commander.

He served as the Engineer Officer of H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE in 1957, and in 1958 stood by the building of H.M.A.S. VENDETTA at Williamstown Naval Dockyard.

Captain Reed was the project officer for the guided missile destroyers which were built in Bay City, Michigan, and spent 2½ years in America.

He was promoted to Captain in June, 1962, and served at Navy Office, Canberra, and as Chief Staff Officer (Technical) to the Flag Officer Commanding the Australian Fleet before taking up his appointment at Williamstown Naval Dockyard.

Captain Reed is married and has two sons (22 and 16) and a daughter (18).

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NEW CAR PARK ON ESPLANADE

Finding a parking space on the Esplanade is a problem for motorists visiting Altona on warm summer days.

But over the holidays a small car park on the Esplanade between Pier and Bent Streets has gone unnoticed and remained empty.

Owned by the City Council, provision has been made for about 15 cars.

Access is gained from the laneway which runs off Bent Street behind "Camps" shop, on the corner of Pier Street.

BLIND SCHOOL BEST IN THE WORLD

***Sixty-eight blind children* are being educated at a residential school at Burwood which was one of the best of its kind in the World, Mr. Claude Harris told Sunshine Apex Club last Wednesday.**

Mr. Harris is public relations officer for the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind.

He showed a color film on the facilities available for blind children at the school.

The experience of a small boy, "Tony", was recounted. *Taken to the* school as an infant from a mother reluctant at first to let him live at the school, he was shown joining in its educational and other activities.

Mr. Harris told Apexians, "All this is provided by people who raise money and give it to the institution.

"My job is to keep the auxiliaries going. They raise about 40 per cent of the necessary finance".

He said that the R.V.I.B. also provided a working *centre for adult blind people.*

With training and encouragement, most people who found themselves blind in their adult years could have plenty to do. There were some wonderful stories of their success".

Altona and the Western Suburbs

Altona has an area of 9,930 acres, an estimated population of 27,500 and the capital improved value of all land and properties in the City amounts to $147 million.

Thus Altona can stand on its own feet among the Western Suburbs. It ranks about midway as regards area. Its population is the lowest but is rapidly rising, and in terms of capital improved valuation Altona holds a most respectable position.

THE WESTERN SUBURBS

The extent of the western suburbs has been variously defined. It obviously includes Footscray, Sunshine, Williamstown, Keilor and Altona. Generally included also are Essendon and Broadmeadows. In addition the outer western Shires of Bulla, Melton and Werribee are recorded in the Melbourne statistical division. In all, these Shires and Cities cover about 24% of the greater Melbourne area.

However, omitting Bulla, Melton and Werribee as being still largely rural, the other western municipalities cover 83,586 acres or 4.2% of the total area.

On a population count for the maximum area the western suburbs contain 18% of the people in 24% of the area.

Following are details of Local Government Statistics to the latest available comparative date — *30/9/67.*

	Acreage	% of Total	30/6/67 Est. Pop.	% Total	Millions CAP IMP. Value	% Total
Footscray	4,441	5	58,900	15	203	18
Sunshine	19,775	24	71,000	19	224	19
Williamstown	3,582	4	30,500	8	89	8
Keilor	24,265	29	45,400	12	121	10
Essendon	4,073	5	58,500	15	194	16
Broadmeadows	17,490	21	90,100	24	195	17
Altona	9,930	12	26,100	7	143	12
Western Suburbs	*83,556*		*380,500*		1,169	

Essendon, followed by Footscray, has the most densely populated area and Keilor, followed by Altona, has the lowest population per acre. Altona heads the list in regard to capital improved value relative to population. In Melbourne's statistical area only Port Melbourne, Prahran and Flinders Shire lead Altona in this respect.

RELATIVE PROGRESS

A period of six years commencing 30/9/61 is taken to give Altona's progress, both actually and relative, to the other western suburban cities in recent years.

Details of each of the seven municipalities showing the trends over the six years are as follows:

	Population Inc. %	Population Dec. %	Increase Cap. Improved Value %	Increase in Loan Debt %
Williamstown		3	94	109
Footscray		3	101	32
Sunshine	14		169	269
Keilor	54		145	336
Essendon		8	138	86
Broadmeadows	36		146	158
Altona	61		159	186

In this period the Greater Melbourne population increased by 20% and the western suburbs by 17%. As can be seen the developing *areas of the western suburbs* showed far greater increases. Altona, with 61%, holding premier position.

The exceptional residential and industrial developments of Sunshine is reflected in its first place in capital improved value. The same applies to Altona which strongly holds second position. The greatest relative increase in loan debt took place in the developing areas. Altona's relative increase was exceeded by *Sunshine and Keilor.*

Total loans outstanding on 30/9/67 were:

	$	% of N.A.V.
Footscray	2,558,000	25
Sunshine	3,462,000	31
Williamstown	1,034,000	23
Keilor	3,619,000	58
Essendon	1,627,000	16
Broadmeadows	3,266,000	33
Altona	2,898,000	40

EXPENDITURE BY MUNICIPALITIES

For the year ended 30/9/67 *Altona's total expenditure* not including loans, amounted to $1,361,000.

This was made up of:

	$	1967 % inc. over 1961
Administration	186,000	198
Debt Service	272,000	263
Properties, Roads, etc.	504,000	215
Services	254,000	113
Other	145,000	135
	$1,361,000	190

The relative expenditure of the other Western suburbs is as under:

$	
2,287,000	Footscray
1,128,000	Williamstown
1,936,000	Sunshine
1,253,000	Keilor
1,578,000	Essendon
1,649,000	Broadmeadows
1,361,000	Altona

THE FUTURE

On a long term basis the future holds positive prospects in the suburbs of Sunshine, Keilor, Broadmeadows and Altona. In Altona plans already in hand, when actuated should see a great development in Altona West and substantial population rises. The recent announcement by Petroleum Refineries and the Petrochemical Complex will in themselves lead to great increases in improved capital value.

WERRIBEE

Werribee, with the other outlying Shires was omitted from these comparisons. There figures however are *interesting and significant.* Details are as follows:

Werribee Shire

Area: 165,120 acres; Population Est. 30/6/67: 19,300; Pop. Increase since 1961: 41%; Increase in loan debt: 190%; Increase in cap. imp. value 149%; Loan to NAV 46%.

It can be seen that Werribee is increasing in population at a very high rate and compared with the inner municipalities has a satisfactory increase in capital improved value.

LOCAL BOWLER REACHES FOURTH ROUND OF STATE TITLE

Mrs. Carmen Ford of Altona Ladies Bowling Club was the only local bowler to play four rounds in the State Singles Championship.

After winning her first three games, she was narrowly defeated in a tight game at Strathmore.

She was not beaten until the last end — actually on the last bowl.

Her performance was all the more creditable as she recently recovered from a bout of pleurisy.

CLUB NEWS

President's day on Saturday proved a most successful day, much enjoyed by the lady bowlers.

The list for Guest Day on March 4 closes February 1.

February 13 is Interclub Day.

For Gala Day on February 18, donations are required for lucky envelopes and home made cakes and saleable goods for the stall.

NEW BANK MANAGER AT WERRIBEE

The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. has announced the appointment of Mr. J. G. Gardiner as manager of its branch at Werribee.

Previously the manager of the National at Cobden, Mr. Gardiner has been very active in community affairs and a member of the Cobden Chamber of Commerce.

Keen on all sports, he enjoys *swimming, golf* and football and was a committee member of the Cobden Turf Club.

The Gardiners have three school-age children — two boys and a girl. They are Alan (8), David (6), and Jodi (5).

Mr. Gardiner said that they were all keen students and looking forward to making many new friends when they started school at Werribee.

Before going to Cobden three years ago, Mr. Gardiner was manager of the National Bank at Inverloch and before that was at Wonthaggi.

When interviewed, Mr. Gardiner said that both he and his family were keen to make friends in Werribee and were looking forward to a happy stay there.

ALTONA CAMERA CLUB

On Friday night last members were given a most interesting and instructive lecture by Kevin Hart, on "Portrait in Colour" which he also illustrated with many different slides.

After supper break the cameras *started clicking* as members tried their skill at portrait work. Many thanks to a most charming young lady who was the model.

Next Friday night is the dead line for this month's competition, the theme is "Glamour". All black and white prints and colour slides should be handed in to the print steward.

The club meets at the Homestead (opp. the Library) on Friday, January 24, at 7.30 p.m. All members or intending members should come along and bring their cameras.

ALTONA SQUARE DANCE CLUB

The Square Dancing started with much gusto, with most of the members sporting a healthy sun-tan.

David Hooper is interested to hear from anyone wanting to learn Square Dancing. He is starting a beginners' class shortly which will be held on Saturday nights. Young or Old will be welcome.

Further details can be obtained from any member or at the Youth Club Hall in Civic Parade on Thursday nights at the regular weekly dance.

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TERMINATION OF OLD SCHEDULES
The following schedules are terminated from 1st January, 1969:
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Why Fly the Flag?

First and foremost of the many events prescribed for the public celebration of Australia Day, January 26, is the ceremony of raising the flag, which is carried out at Town Halls, Shire Offices, Bowling Clubs, race meetings, and other centres of public assemblage where Australians desire to honour their nation on the anniversary of its birth.

Many people, probably, are at a loss to know why the Australia Day Council in Victoria places such importance on the simple ceremony of raising the Australian Flag on their National Day. The explanation is that the flag is the emblem of our nationhood and of our patriotism, and that the birth of Australia as a nation began with a Flag Raising Ceremony.

That was just 181 years ago when Captain Arthur Phillip, first Governor of New South Wales, landed at Sydney Cove with Officers and men of the First Fleet, hoisted the British Flag, and officially claimed the territory for Britain. Australia, no longer a mere colony, but a free and independent nation and equal partner in the British Commonwealth, has its own flag: the five stars of the Southern Cross on a blue field, with the Union Jack on the top corner nearest the mast.

The use of flags as national or regimental symbols dates back into antiquity, if the standards used by the Egyptian, Assyrian and Persian Armies may be regarded as their source of origin. Through the centuries developed the standards of the Roman Armies, religious flags and banners, heraldic pennants, and the National flags as we know them today. The Royal Standard of England gradually became associated with the British Nation as a whole, but it was not until after the union with Ireland and the inclusion of the Cross of St. Patrick in the standard, did the British flag become generally known as the Union Jack.

So it was not the Union Jack that Governor Phillip hoisted at Sydney Cove on January 26, 1788.

For more than 100 years the British Flag served as the flag of the Australian colonies, but with the advent of Federation the Commonwealth of Australia adopted its own flag featuring the Stars of the Southern Cross.

As far back as the early 1820's however, a white flag with a red cross and four stars was designed by a British Naval Officer, Captain John Nicholson, as a national flag for the Australian Colonies, and at later periods other flags were designed as more suited to Australian nationhood.

Most notable of these in the Colonial era was the blue flag with white cross and stars flown by the miners at the Eureka Stockade in their historic rebellion in 1854. An old tattered flag, claimed to be that flag of Eureka, is preserved in a museum at Ballarat. This claim is strongly supported, with a good deal of evidence, in an interesting pamphlet entitled "The Strange Story of the Eureka Flag", by Mr. Len Fox a Sydney Journalist. A much larger publication, entitled "Flag of Stars", by Frank Cayley (published by Rigby Limited, Adelaide), contains a wealth of information about flags used in Australia from the time of the earliest landings by white men on the great Southern Continent up to the present time. This fascinating book includes stories about flags of other lands, and many excellent illustrations. The books begins with a stanza from an old poem about the British Flag, one that Mr. Cayley says can apply just as well to the Australian Flag:

You may say it's an old
piece of bunting;
You may call it an old
coloured rag,
But freedom has made it
majestic,
And time has enobled the
flag.

True enough, but a bit sentimental, you might say. But bear in mind that one of the great men of history, Napoleon Bonaparte, said that sentiment ruled the world.

And don't forget the Flag Raising Ceremonies on Australia Day.

It is a matter of gratification to the Australia Day Council that in scores of Cities, shires and municipalities, the Australian Flag will be raised and honoured by Mayors and Citizens. Possibly the major ceremony in the State is the City of Melbourne Flag Raising Ceremony on the steps of the Melbourne Town Hall, where the Lord Mayor, Cr. R. T. A. Talbot, will raise the Australian Flag before Melbourne Citizens.

First Drowning in 17 Years of Patrolling Altona Beach

A nine year old boy drowned at Fleming's pool, Seaholme, on Sunday.

He was Fabian Trampuz of Egremont Street, North Fitzroy.

Fleming's Pool is opposite the end of Millers Rd., Altona.

It is five years since the last fatality on the Altona beach. However, it was the first drowning during the life savers' patrol season since the Club was reformed in 1951.

Mr. Jim Byrne, Chief Instructor of the Altona Life Saving Club, believes the child was choked through entering the water too soon after eating lunch.

He could not apply mouth to mouth resuscitation as the boy's chest was blocked with food.

On the application of cardiac massage large quantities of undigested food were brought up but no sign of life was evident.

The boy was swimming half a mile outside the area of Altona beach patrolled by lifesavers.

But within five minutes of receiving the distress call, lifesavers on patrol reached the victim. However, resuscitation proved useless.

The boy was taken to Footscray Hospital but was dead on arrival.

Altona Lifesaving Club is in need of more members.

An appeal is made to ex-members or others holding appropriate awards to help patrol the beach this coming long week-end.

TABLE TENNIS

WESTERN SUBURBS ASSOCIATION SUMMER PENNANT

In the Summer Pennant competition, due to resume during the first week in February, interest now is focussed on the fight for places in the finals. Most teams are now practising in earnest with a view to a good start in the 11th round, thus consolidating their position on the ladder.

STAR PLAYERS

In the quest for Aggregate trophies, awarded to the most consistent player in each grade, Ron Miller, of Altona North, is the only player who has not yet lost a match. He leads the field with a score of 27/0 in E3 grade. Next best are A graders D. Willcox 26/1 and R. Faust, 17/1. Colleen Duncan heads the ladies with a score of 17/7.

Star players to end of round 10:—

A — D. Willcox 26/1, R. Faust 17/1, B. Taylor 22/8, P. Whelan 22/8, J. Montgomery 20/10, S. Slattery 20/10.

B1 — R. Ross 22/2, S. Hayes 21/3, J. Wylie 25/5, R. Gregor 22/5.

B2 — D. Doyle 22/2, Y. Loone 25/2, M. MacGavin 24/3, K. Fraser 24/6.

C2 — N. Wynn 27/2, R. Brookfield 28/5, B. Scott 22/5, T. Findling 21/6.

C3 — E. Powell 26/4, A. Evans 25/5, R. Aitken 17/1, K. Lee 18/9, R. Pike 16/8.

D2 — J. Hoffman 22/2, J. Jamieson 21/3, C. Bloom 23/7, R. Gorecki 16/5, R. Saker 21/6.

D3 — P. Hogg 28/2, A. Richardson 19/2, F. Chaplin 26/4, A. Coates 26/4.

D4 — I. Southall 19/2, P. Waite 21/6, D. Liston 16/5, Colleen Duncan 17/7, G. Street 17/7.

E3 — R. Miller 27/0, I. Miller 26/1, F. Schwartz 25/2, K. Bedalla 22/5.

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Member for Lalor and Minister of Religion Escape From Volcano

Mr. Merv. Lee, Federal Member for Lalor and the Rev. Frank Coote returned to Australia last week from a visit to Indonesia and South-East Asia. Mr. Lee told of an 18 hour overnight bus trip from Jodjakarta to Djakarta through the ashes of a volcano which had erupted during the night killing several people and destroying homes.

The ashes covered the bus, the leaves of the trees, the homes of the people along the road and filtered into the bus. "We were told that the people were throwing flower petals into the river, and a helicopter would be used to do likewise into the crater of the volcano to appease the gods", stated Mr. Lee. They arrived at Djakarta dirty and exhausted, but the trip had been made worthwhile by the valuable conversations they had been able to have with Indonesian teachers and students who were travelling with them.

"My outstanding impression in Indonesia was the tremendous gap between the rich and the poor", stated Mr. Lee. He also indicated that he had talked with many people, top Government executives and political leaders, peasants, students, businessmen and taxi drivers. Mr. Lee continued, "when you hear of some people with 20 motor cars, while thousands of others are out of work or on starvation wages, when you see so many little boys who are striving to earn money by selling trinkets, or by cleaning your shoes, when you see large buildings, some badly built, some abandoned during course of erection, many statues and a large sports stadium (rather similar to the M.C.G.) and nearby you see the hovels in which thousands of people live, with virtually no toilet or washing facilities, it is obvious that many mistakes have been made in this potentially rich and fertile country".

Other problems brought to our attention were the thousands of political prisoners who are reported to be still held in gaol without a trial, and the large numbers of university graduates who are unable to find adequate jobs.

Mr. Lee stated that the next five years would be vital if further turmoil is to be presented. "I fear for the internal security of the country unless great progress is achieved under the recently announced 5 year plan.

Australia is already providing assistance, and the aid programme has been doubled, but the answers are in the hands of the present Government. People are asking if the Government has the strength to stamp out corruption, and to stabilise the economy. There are some encouraging signs, for instance, the example being set by the present Governor of Djakarta in providing improved roads and schools, the present stability of the currency after many years of severe inflation, and the prospects of growing two crops of rice per year in lieu of one, which would make the country self-sufficient in this vital food. This will be made possible with the use of fertilisers and the introduction of new strains of rice from the Phillipines.

Mr. Lee joined Mr. A. A. Street, Federal Member for Coramedmite in discussions with Embassy officials and Indonesian authorities such as Brigadier General Solbroto Koesmarkjo, Chairman of the National Tourist Organisation, and Mr. Imron Rosjadi, Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee of Defence and Security who had been in gaol for four years under the Soekarno regime.

TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA

Mr. Lee stated, "Australian businessmen are at a severe disadvantage compared with their Japanese counterparts in Indonesia.

Most of the Japanese Embassy is made available to Japanese Trade representatives. Apart from official representation at the Australian Embassy, most Australian business representatives visit the country spasmodically from Singapore and Australia. A few Australian companies have become established in Indonesia, but I feel that Australian business interests could take much greater advantage of the credits which the Australian Government has made available for the sale of products to Indonesia. At present the market is dominated by United States and Japanese interests. There are valuable markets available for such things as small hand tools, road-making machinery, irrigation equipment, pumps, etc.

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Tuesday 6.00 - 9.00 p.m.

LEAVING PHYSICS:
Thursday 6.00 - 9.00 p.m.

LEAVING TECHNICAL DRAWING A:
Tuesday 7.00 - 9.00 p.m.

NOTE: No class will be conducted in any particular subject if the enrolment is not sufficient to justify it.

ENROLMENTS For half year ending 30th June, 1969, may be made at the school between 6.30 and 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5th or Thursday, February 6th.

CLASSES COMMENCE: Tuesday, February 11th, 1969.

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ALTONA YACHT THIRD IN NATIONAL TITLE

"Laphil", the Hornet class yacht, owned and skippered by Ted Phillips of the Altona Yacht Club, finished third in the national yachting championships sailed on the Swan River, Perth, over the Christmas — New Year holiday period.

Les Laker crewed for Phillips.

Two Hornets from the Altona Club contested the titles — "Laphil" and "Marion Too".

"Marion Too' is owned and sailed by Alex Robertson with his younger brother Keith as crew.

"Laphil" fought for top placings in each of the five heats and after the hardest fought title race for some years finally won the second heat.

This brought respect from interstate yachtsmen for the Altona Hornets representing Victoria.

In an extremely close overall finish "Laphil's" third placing behind two West Australian yachts was commendable.

The Robertson brothers sailed consistently although unable to attain a major placing due mainly to gear being damaged by the strong and at times gale force winds on the Swan River.

This was a honeymoon trip for Alex Robertson and his bride, the former Marion Black, who were married at Mount Dandenong on December 14.

Last year "Laphil" finished fourth to the yachts from the West.

This year the Altona yachts travelled overland to Perth. Next year the championships will be held in Victorian waters and Altona yachtsmen have their sights set on taking off the title.

MICHAEL KELLY CAPTAINS SUCCESSFUL VICTORIAN TENNIS TEAM

For the second year in succession eighteen year old Michael Kelly of Altona has captained and been number one player in the Victorian tennis team which has, in both years, won the annual Junior Interstate Triangular Competition between Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia.

This year the teams played on January 11 and 12 at the Memorial Drive Courts in Adelaide.

Michael won all of his singles matches.

Also in the Victorian team chosen from players in the Western Suburbs Association and playing in this team for the first time was another Altona youth, John Trickey.

This was Michael's fourth successive year of selection for the team.

In his second year he was second player and the team finished runners-up.

Next year having turned nineteen years of age he will be over the age limit for the team.

Michael also did well in the School-children's Tournament at Kooyong. He easily won his first three rounds of the Under 19 singles but then was defeated by Linton Cup player, Kendrick Jorgenson.

Michael is a member of the Altona and Liston Esplanade Tennis Clubs.

KOORINGAL GOLF CLUB

RESULTS

Thursday, 16-1-69:

18 hole Stableford —
P. Baker (19) 43 points.
R. Culbert (19) 43 points.

9 hole Stableford —
K. Armstrong (25) 20 points.

Saturday 18-1-69:

Stableford —
A Grade — F. Pedler (9) 37 points.
B Grade — F. L. Smith (15) 39 points.
C Grade — B. Waller (21) 37 points.

Sunday 19-1-69:

Bogey —
J. Taylor (18) 3 up.

PERFECT BREEZE FOR SATURDAY SAILING

Local yachting commenced last weekend with a Saturday sternchaser race and a Sunday morning Windsor trophy race.

As some members are still on vacation, fleets are not at full strength. Racing is keen and those who have been consistent during the early part of the season managed to win again in their respective classes.

Saturday's race was held in a moderate breeze, perfect for those who have returned from holidays. Racing was close and fast.

Sunday morning saw a light sailing breeze with many wind changes in the early part of the race.

RESULTS
(Saturday)

Hornet:
1. "Jet" (T. Jones — P. Jol).
2. "Woomera" (J. Grieve — D. Philp).
3. "Marion Too" (A. Robertson — K. Robertson).

GP 14:
1. "Whistable" (Bob Smith — K. Smith).
2. "Echo" (Brian Smith — T. Carver).

Herons:
1. "Harry — L". (L. Pound — I. Robertson).
2. "Almark" (A. Balish — M. Balish).
3. "Tassie II" (W. Hudson — P. Hudson).

Moths:
1. "Beezle Bub" (G. Tippett).
2. "Beta" (G. Eagland).
3. "Tiki-Too" (K. Marshall).

Sunday Morning:

Hornets:
1. "Laphil" (T. Philipps — L. Laker).
2. "Slender G" (A. Owen — J. Butterworth).
3. "Shadow" (J. Andress — J. Clarke).

1. "Whistable" (Bob Smith — K. Smith).
2. "Echo" (Brian Smith — C. Winfield).

GP 14:

Herons:
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Local Government Procedures

CR. J. J. GINIFER MAKES A POINT

Speaking on a bill to amend the Weights and Measures Act, Cr. Ginifer made a pertinent suggestion. He believed that opportunities should be given for prior consideration by Local Government authorities of all Acts and Regulations proposed by the Local Government Department.

His proposal was agreed to by the Government. Extracts from his speech is as follows:

This is a Bill to amend the Weights and Measures Act and, as the Minister of Labour and Industry is at the table, it could in some way be connected with consumer protection.

Mr. Rossiter. — In a remote fashion.

Mr. Ginifer. — Perhaps it could be brought closer to that concept. The amendments contained in clause 2, besides correcting the legal position, make it obligatory for Government Departments to conform to the provisions of the Weights and Measures Act.

I am certain that no honorable member would agree that a Government Department should be exempt from any type of checks of weights and measures that it uses. The amendments also take away from local authorities the right to contact with a Government Department to carry out weights and measures verifications. A central administration of weights and measures will be required to verify weights and measures used by Government Departments in outlying or provincial areas, and this may possibly lead to a centralization of power.

Section 32 of the principal Act is amended by clause 3 and continues the exemption of certain weights and measures for a further period of two years. It is contended that a certificate of approval can easily be given in regard to some instruments at present in use, but that because other instruments may be obsolete or may no longer be manufactured any one could submit an application for approval of such a pattern and this could create difficulty. It is felt that even in this regard local governing authorities or weights and measures unions might be able to undertake this work quite satisfactorily.

The concept of special conditions appears to be one which previously was covered by expressions such as "net weight when packed". However, under the old Act that expression applied to certain prescribed substances but in fact these certain substances were never prescribed. I am hoping that if substances are to be prescribed in the future some teeth will be given to the legislation so that it can be used where necessary. Similarly, wording such as "to the like effect" was used, and this wording could be used to justify changes in weights of articles between when they were packed and when they were sold.

I have one suggestion to make in regard to prepacked articles, and this may have some bearing in relation to consumer protection. In regard to prepacked articles, certain tolerances of volume and weights are allowed, and these are averaged out. When this type of commodity is being marketed, an indication of the tolerances could be marked on the packet. For example, if an article is pre-packed to contain 1 lb. weight but, because of climatic conditions, a tolerance of a quarter of an ounce either way is allowed, this should be clearly marked on the packet. A similar procedure is adopted in other legislation, and it would be beneficial if it were included in this measure.

The Opposition supports the Bill, but I point out to the Government that when legislation or regulations which are administered by the Local Government Department are to be amended — the Health Act is a case in point — the suggested amendments should be circulated to the municipalities so that they may be given an opportunity to comment on the proposals. I suggest that, as the legislation relating to weights and measures is being administered on behalf of the Government by local municipalities, further proposed amendments on this subject should be circulated in a similar manner to those dealt with by the Department of Health.

In response Cr. Ginifer received a letter from the Minister of Local Government, R. J. Hamer, "I refer to remarks made by you in the Legislative Assembly on December 5, recommending that proposed amendments under the Weights and Measures Act should be circulated to municipalities for consideration and comment by their Weights and Measures Inspectors."

"There is I think considerable merit in this suggestion, and this Department does in fact make a practice of circulating proposed amendments e.g., to the Building Regulations, etc. and I will see to it that a similar practice is followed with amendments to the Weights and Measures Regulations".

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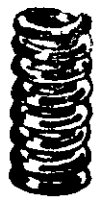

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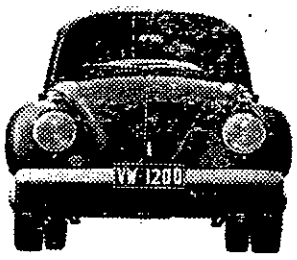

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CRICKET

A Grade Fight Back After Batting Slump

"A" Grade playing Seddon at home last Saturday are fighting back to a winning position after failing with the bat.

John Cooney after winning the toss decided to bat on a wicket which appeared hard and made for batsmen.

Unfortunately its appearance belied its nature and before long Altona had its back to the wall and were fighting for every run.

John Cooney and Frank Thomas opened after a very slow start. Altona had only 18 runs on the board before Cooney was bowled for 16.

After 1 hour's batting the side scored 25 of which Frank Thomas had scored a patient 1.

Seddon was bowling well and using the tricky pitch to its utmost and had most batsmen groping.

At tea Altona were only 59 runs and had lost 6 wickets. Only Bruce Waghorne showed any fight against the bowling.

The batsmen scored more freely after the tea adjournment and with Dare, Duff and Terry Gray all getting into double figures, added to Waghorne's well made 43, Altona were all out for 108.

Seddon were required to bat for 70 minutes and Altona realized that to win this game, an extra effort had to be made in the field.

Living up to their position of top side Altona did this after some excellent bowling from Bob Dare and Dick Conradi and have Seddon at 5/34.

The fielding was tight and the bowlers gave nothing away.

Providing the team can continue to field in this way and the batsmen can improve in the second innings, outright points are a real possibility on Saturday.

SCOREBOARD

Altona 1st Innings:

Cooney b. Knape	16
Thomas b. Knape	1
Deller lbw Joy	4
Waghorne b. Osterfield	43
Page lbw Knape	1
Duff b. Murphy	10
Critchley lbw Osterfield	1
Forrester c. Murphy	4
Dare b. Murphy	12
Gray n.o.	10
Conradi lbw Osterfield	0
Extras	6
TOTAL	108

Seddon 1st Innings:

Osterfield lbw Conradi	2
Healy b. Dare	0
Brown c. Dare	7
Owen c. Conradi	8
Paulett b. Conradi	10
Murphy n.o.	3
Horsbough n.o.	4
TOTAL 5 for	34

"B" TURF

Altona lost the toss and South Melb. Y.C.W. decided to bat on a wicket that looked fairly dry and rough in places. Altona's bowling started off fairly accurately without looking dangerous, Greg Critchley getting the first wicket in his 3rd over.

South Melbourne were eventually all out for 109. Best bowlers being Greg Critchley 4 for 21, Mike Calaz 2 for 25 and David Chalmers 2 for 34.

Altona started their innings drastically losing a wicket on the 3rd ball. Sth Melb. bowlers were making the ball fly and Altona were soon 5 for 13, when Bob Campbell and Frank Kirk came together and carried the score to 43 before Frank was caught out on the boundary for 15. Bob carried on to make a valuable 25 being out in the last ball of the day.

Altona are in trouble at the end of play, they are 8 for 63, and they will be relying on David Chalmers, Laurie Egan and Wayne Porman to score the necessary runs for 1st innings lead.

Sth Melb. 1st Innings:

Close, E. c. Chalmers	29
Carey, A. c. Critchley	2
Bedford, A. r.o.	0
Gleeson, J. b. Critchley	9
Burt, R. c. Norman	11
Atkins, T. c. Calaz	1
Degenhardt c. Calaz	39
Drew, L. c. Chalmers	0
Horton, W. c. Critchley	9
Russo, R. n.o.	5
Holden, J. c. Critchley	0
Extras	4
TOTAL	109

Altona 1st Innings:

Bailie, A. b. Holden	0
Joyce, J. c. Holden	2
Hosken, G. c. Degenhardt	11
Critchley, G. c. Degenhardt	0
Gray, R. c. Holden	0
Kirk, F. c. Close	15
Campbell, R. c. Russo	25
Calaz, M. c. Russo	8
TOTAL 8 for	63

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In answer to questions and complaints the president promised an improvement in cricket practice gear, but urged that players take more care of equipment and also be sure to return all of it to its proper place after use. There is an alarming amount of balls being misplaced despite the very high cost of this item to the club.

Regrettably A.C.C. is to lose one of its top players. Bob McLeod, serving in the R.A.A.F. is to be posted to Malaya soon. His actual time of departure is not yet known but the A.C.C. wish him every success in his new posting and may his talents as a cricketer find an outlet in the future.

Graham Hoskins, Club Secretary announces that the "End of Season Trip", will be to Albury on the long weekend in April.

Members wishing to go on this trip are advised to submit their names early. All details will be posted on the Club Room Notice Board.

There are still a few club ties and badges available from Ken Winfield. Are you still a "badge-less" and "tie-less" member?

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— **Batman.**

CHURCH CRICKET

Williamstown Congs. v. Altona Pres. Grade U 16s, at Grey Reserve.

Williamstown Congs. 1st Innings —

Reitman b. G. Wilson	10
Gledhill b. Hitchcock	0
Dumbrell b. Hitchcock	0
Johns b. Wilson	1
D. Watt c. Bebend b. Wilson	0
N. Watt b. Hitchcock	1
Bell c. Hughes b. Hitchcock	0
Koski b. Wilson	0
Khoden n.o.	1
Hall b. Wilson	0
Sundries	1
TOTAL	14

BOWLING: G. Wilson 6-2-12-5; D. Hitchcock 5.4-5-1-4.

Altona Pres. 1st Innings:

G. Wilson c. Watt	23
Hitchcock c. Watt	23
Hughes b. Watt	9
A. Wilson b. Watt	0
Haining n.o.	8
Sundries	7
TOTAL 4 dec. for	70

BOWLING: Gledhill 0/22; D. Watt 4/29; N. Watt 0/12.

Gordon Wilson of Altona Pres. has been selected captain of the WSPCCA U. 16 combined side to play Geelong Churches at Geelong on Australia Day. David Hitchcock (Altona Pres.) and Ned Courtot (St. Eans.) have also been selected.

Williamstown Congs. 2nd Innings:

Bell b. Hitchcock	4
Gledhill b. Hitchcock	3
Reitman b. Hitchcock	2
Johns c. R. Wilson b. G. Wilson	0
Khoden n.o.	3
Dumbrell c. Hitchcock b. G. Wilson	0
Koski b. G. Wilson	0
N. Watt n.o.	2
Sundries	2
TOTAL 6 for	14

BOWLING: Hitchcock 3-1-2-3; G. Wilson 3-0-10-3.

Ballarat Rd. Meths. v. Altona Presbyterian, Grade "C", at Footscray Park.

Ballarat Rd. Meths. 1st Innings:

McGillivray b. Wilson	148
Jones c. M. Harris b. Drane	32
Annear lbw Wilson	0
R. Brunt c. Hitchcock b. McKinney	11
McInnes c. Thompson b. McKinney	1
Berryman b. Wilson	2
Woodyard r.o.	3
Paus c. Hughes b. Drane	2
Cross stpd Hughes b. Drane	0
F. Brunt n.o.	0
Butson b. Wilson	0
Sundries	12
TOTAL	211

BOWLING: Wilson 4/81; Drane 3/12; McKinney 2/42; Harris 0/19; Hitchcock 0/45.

Altona Pres. 1st Innings:

G. Wilson n.o.	20
Hitchcock b. Brunt	2
McLeod b. Brunt	9
J. Wilson c. & b. Brunt	0
McKinney n.o.	8
Sundries	4
TOTAL 3 for	43

BOWLING: F. Brunt 3/30; Berryman 0/9; McInnes 0/0.

Due to a very fine 148 in 170 mins. by Ron McGillivray and 3 quick wickets by F. Brunt Altona are in an awkward position.

St. Eanswythes v. Newport Baptists, Grade "C", at Ford Reserve.

St. Eanswythes 1st Innings:

J. Morton c. I. Dougall	13
W. Patton c. G. Dougall	9
M. Oram b. Treadwell	47
D. Garde c. Andrews	62
I. Haskell c. Andrews	2
N. Courtot r.o.	39
J. Holden b. Andrews	9
M. Featherby c. I. Dougall	5
F. Wynands b. I. Dougall	7
J. Morton n.o.	0
J. Peterson absent	0
Sundries	17
TOTAL	210

BOWLING: Maynard 0/30; G. Dougall 1/46; I. Dougall 3/55; Andrews 3/34; Treadwell 1/28.

Newport Baps. 1st Innings:

Weiss n.o.	7
Andrews n.o.	11
Sundries	1
TOTAL 0 for	19

With batting stars Merrill and B. Garde still absent, St. Eanswythes scored a creditable 210 against highly rated Newport Baps and should win.

St. Eanswythes v. North Williamstown Church of Christ, Jun. South, at Ford Reserve.

Wayne Patton scored a fine 85 and Featherby 39 in a score of 153. N.W.C.C. are 0/6 in their turn at the wicket.

TENNIS COACH RETIRES

Mr. Jack Finlayson, of Ford Street, Newport, has reluctantly retired as a professional tennis coach.

Hundreds of children have been taught the fundamentals of tennis by Jack at the Altona and Liston-Esplanade courts in Nelson Place, Williamstown, over the years.

Some of these he has coached to the stage where they have become very accomplished players.

Jack has also fulfilled the role of a coach in country areas on trips arranged by the LTAV.

Retirement is a bitter blow to Jack Finlayson as it has been brought about by ill-health.

He will be retiring from his position at the Newport Workshops in about six months time and expecting to be a "very fit 65" he had hoped to step up his coaching program and continue for a few more years.

However, a rheumatic condition has worsened during the past couple of months and he must now retire from coaching.

Jack Finlayson was an outstanding A Pennant player for the former Liston Oval Tennis Club, and although the district championship eluded him he made several appearances in finals of this event.

At Liston he teamed in doubles with much success with Harold Melouney.

Although Jack Finlayson has been a keen advocate of teaching youngsters to play tennis at as early an age as possible he did not start in the game himself until he was 29.

A natural aptitude for sport enabled him to overcome this handicap of age, and even in his fifties and sixties there have been few local players who could beat him.

In his youth he was a successful bike rider and professional ballroom dancer.

Jack is a little despondent at present but admits, "I have had a good innings at sport".

He has purchased a set of bowls and his many friends will hope that his physical condition will improve to the extent that he will be able to prove his worth at this game.

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WESTONA LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB

Saturday last at Williamstown Centre inter-club competition resumed after a break of some five weeks.

Westona club members in some instances indicated that a break in training and competition had left them lacking that fitness they had attained by last December.

Athletes are reminded that the Centre and Zone Championships will be held within the next two months, and the Zone Championships will in actual fact be quarter finals for the Victorian Championships.

Club members having aspirations for these Championships should be taking stock of themselves and doing something to bring their performances to the standards required for selection in the aforementioned Championships.

The Zone Championships are to be held at the V.W.A.A.A. ground Royal Park West, Westona club members who last season competed in these championships will no doubt be striving for selection again this season, and the excellent facilities provided at this venue should give those who make it the impetus to succeed.

Committee members, the next meeting will be held at the Club Manager's home, 21 Harrington St., January 30, at 8 p.m.

Williamstown Centre Delegates' meeting next Wednesday, January 22.

A Coaching, Ground Officials and Administration Seminar is to be conducted by the U.L.A.A. next Sunday at the Williamstown Centre, and those desirous of attending are asked to contact the Club Manager or Secretary.

Points scored by Westona in inter-club competition as at the 21-12-68 were as follows:

Girls 130.907 in 7th place behind the leaders Westport 224,864.

Boys 259,192 in 2nd place behind Westport 265,998.

Due no doubt to club members being absent on holidays Westona did not have their usual complement at Newport oval last Saturday, and the only track first placings were as under:

BOYS —

U. 9 100m. — D. Roosenboom.

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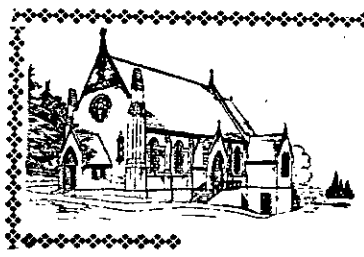

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Services: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Communion: First Sunday morning and Third Sunday evening.

11.30 a.m.: Junior Christian Endeavour.

2.30 p.m.: Intermediate Christian Endeavour.

7 p.m.: Evening Service.

Minister—Pastor R. J. Reynolds, 62 Blyth Street, Altona.

Telephone: 398 2829

CATHOLIC

St. Mary's
Railway Street, Altona
Masses

Sundays: 7.30, 9 and 10.30 a.m.

Holy Days: 7, 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

First Fridays: 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Confessions

Eve of Holy Days: 7 p.m.

Eve of First Fridays: 7 p.m.

First Friday (Maltese): 4 and 5.30 p.m.

Rev. Father J. Nooney, P.P.
Rev. Father M. Kelleher.

St. Mary's Presbytery, Railway Street, Altona. Telephone 398 2964.

St. Joseph's Convent, Sargood Street, Altona. Telephone 398 2686.

Queen of Peace
Laverton
Masses

Sunday: 7.30 a.m.; 9.45 a.m.; 5.00 p.m.

Weekdays:

Monday, 10.30 a.m.;
Wednesday, 4.30 p.m.;
Thursday, 7.30 p.m.;
Friday, 6.15 p.m.;
Saturday, 8.00 a.m.

Confessions: Before and after Mass.

Fr. V. Rubeo, 21 Ulm Street, Laverton — 399 1620

St. Leo's
Corner Mason Street and Fourth Avenue, Altona North
Masses

Sunday: 7.30, 9, 10, 11 a.m., and 6 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday: 10 a.m., and 7 p.m.

Rev. Father J. Kierce, P.P., Rev. Father M. Sultana, Rev. Father G. Calleja, St. Leo's Presbytery, 315 Mason St., Altona North, 3025.
Telephone: 391 3219

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Sunday Services

8 a.m.: Holy Communion.

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7 p.m.: Evensong.

Sunday School

Sundays at 9.30 a.m.

VICAR — The Rev. John Lawley, The Vicarage, 7 Bent Street, Altona.
Telephone: 398 1005

St. Clements

First Sunday in the month: Family Service.

VICAR — Rev. Eric Weber, St. Thomas' Church, Werribee.

ENGLAND CHURCH OF

St. Luke's

Cnr. Blackshaws and Millers Roads, Altona North
Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 9.30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9.30 a.m.

VICAR — The Rev. Alan Baxter, 408 Blackshaws Rd., Altona North
Telephone: 314 7883

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25 The Broadway, Altona North

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Telephone 391 2609

METHODIST

Seves Street, Altona
Sunday

Sunday School: 9.45 a.m. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.: Divine Worship.

Cnr. Marion Street and Sixth Avenue, Altona North
Sunday

11 a.m.: Divine Worship.

Goble Street, Laverton

(Held in Church of England Hall, Goble Street, Laverton.)

3 p.m.: Divine Worship.

MINISTER — Rev. A. D. McGregor, 61 Synott Street, Werribee.
Telephone: Werribee 116

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241 Civic Parade, Altona

Sunday Services

9.15 a.m. Young Church and Worship.

Minister Rev. Athol J. Ridgway. The Manse, 9 Lindwood Avenue. Atona. Telephone 398-1591.

9 Paringa Road, Altona North

11 a.m.: Worship Service.

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ARMY SALVATION

Queen Street, Altona

Sunday —

11 a.m.: Holiness Meeign.

7 p.m.: Salvation Meeting.

Thursday —

2 p.m.: Women's Home League.

Civic Parade, Altona

Sunday —

9.30 a.m.: Combined Sunday School (Primary-Junior) BIBLE CLASS.

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LEAPY'S LONG CLIMB

By RON COLEMAN IN BRISBANE

Few people in Australia have not heard a record called "Little Arrows" by Britain's Leapy Lee. This song has won fame in many countries but for singer Leapy Lee Graham the climb to satrdom has been long and tedious.

At 26 years of age Lee Graham has tried almost everything during his ten years of "Showbiz". He hails from Eastbourne (not far from my home town) and he has spent most of his time trying to realise his ambition and become a comedian. But he has had much trouble gaining acceptance as a funny man and consequently he has turned to recording.

But even singing has had its hangups for Lee Graham. You may have heard that the Hermans' Hermits' hit-song "Dandy" was originally written for Lee by Ray Davies of the Kinks.

Some time before that Ray had written "Sunny Afternoon" for Lee but the Kinks rehearsed it first and it was a big hit for them.

Finally Lee's big break came when he met Gordon Mills, the personal manager of Tom Jones and Englebert Humperdinck. Gordon helped the new Leapy Lee with his production of "Little Arrows".

Now Leapy a one time struggling comedian, drives a cadillac and he has shifted from Eastbourne to Bayswater with his wife and two children.

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WHAT'S NEW BABY?

Beatles' record "Hey Jude" is now the world's third best ever seller after "White Christmas" (Bing Crosby) and "Rock Around The Clock" (Bill Haley).

Normie Rowe has been awarded a free honeymoon on the Gold Coast when he returns to Australia from Vietnam.

Sue Costin of the new T.V. series "Riptide" is giving up stardom to get married.

Marcie Jones and the Cookies have been appearing at a hotel in Singapore.

Much airplay is being given to "Hay Ride" a new record for Sydney group The Flying Circus. These fellows were given a tour of New Zealand only a few weeks after their formation.

By the time you read this the Irish Rovers should have commenced their tour of Australia with appearances in Brisbane and Sydney.

Wilson Pickett's version of "Hey Jude" is doing quite well.

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BRISBANE SCENE

Sydney group, the Union Jack currently playing the scene at Coolangatta.

Appearing at Braddles Booby Hatch Disco Sandgate are The Premiers and a group called the Mark 5 Disco Show Band.

Melbourne's Virgil Brothers appeared at the Wicked Witch with well-known Brisbane group the Flamingoes.

Another good dance is Cloudland.

Little Hans Poulsen seems to be all the rage here at the moment.

Johnny Morriss and the Playboys are residents at the National Hotel.

South Australia's Masters' Apprentices have a wide following along the Gold Coast.

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NEW FEATURES

Hope to be printing stories from Perth soon along with more news of the drags. Watch this page for a feature on Melbourne group. The Brigade.

— GOSSIP —

Woody is back in town.

And "the lady of the lamp" should be in Melbourne soon.

Richard and Pauline degnitely have too many feuds.

Turkey chasing is all the rage.

John is a very fishy character.

JD and company have migrated to Canberra.

Will Nev pack up and head north?

That car needs an overhaul Vi.

Farewell Garry Bridges.

Everybody has been having a "joelly" time on the trampolines.

Including Vicky, that cute young lady who sells chips.

Seal has made an acquaintance in Sydney.

Look after that pony Christine.

Get well soon Garry Dempsey.

Not long now eh Tamba?

Bagser Stiles is still the world's biggest con man.

Michelle and Bob are Altona's mermaids.

Take care of that car Graeme.

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TRAMPOLINE RIDES

Free trampoline rides are offered to ten readers of this page.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Just a few lines to let you and the Altona jet set know that the Keyboard (us) are still going strong.

With a few new members in our ranks (Tony Rando — ex-Strolling Pebbles lead guitar and his brother Jess — a fab. drummer) we are looking forward to playing locally in the near future. We've got Ian (that's me) on Rythm, Wayne on Bass, and the third Keyboard member, Peter, on vocals.

Also we've changed our name to "the Mystic Eye". Many thanks to those people asking what happened to us.

Yours sincerely,
IAN PARKER.

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7. Eleanore — The Turtles.
8. I Started a Joke — The Bee Gees.
9. Chewy Chewy — Ohio Express.
10. Magic Carpet Ride — Steppenwolf.

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DEATHS

WEAVER. — On January 2, at Footscray Hospital, Adelaide May Weaver of 160 Blyth Street, Altona. Dearly beloved wife of the late Harold, the loved mother of Joyce (Mrs. McCulloch), Jean (Mrs. Paterson), Gwen (Mrs. Alford) and Harry. Fond mother-in-law of Jack, Ken, Reg and Lorna. Loving nana of John, Bruce, Wayne, Janine, Paul, Jenny and Peter. Aged 70 years. In God's Care.

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JAMES W. WATERS,
Town Clerk.

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FERRY — Edna May. Treasured memories of our Darling Mum and Nanna who passed away January 20th, 1967. Treasured memories we cling to yet Of our wonderful Mum we'll never forget. Loving daughter Eve, son-in-law Merv., grandchildren Debbie, Lynne, Patrick, Mark and Kathleen.

RONEY James — 23rd January, 1965, aged 26 years. "Time slips by ever swiftly. Though memories of you will always stay with me". Leslie.

THANKS

MR. & MRS. T. MURDOCH wish to sincerely thank Mr. J. Sinha, also Matron, Sisters, Nurses and Staff of the Altona Hospital, for the wonderful attention during Mr. Murdoch's stay in hospital. Also, all friends and relatives for cards and visits.

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JAMES W. WATERS,
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DURING THE MONTH of February, 1969.

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ENTRY INTO THE AREA —

Members of the public seeking entry into the range proper in the course of business must first make application to the Range Superintendent (telephone 39 76027). Entry for any other reason is forbidden.

Members of the public are warned against entry into the danger area of PORT PHILLIP BAY whenever firing practices are being conducted.

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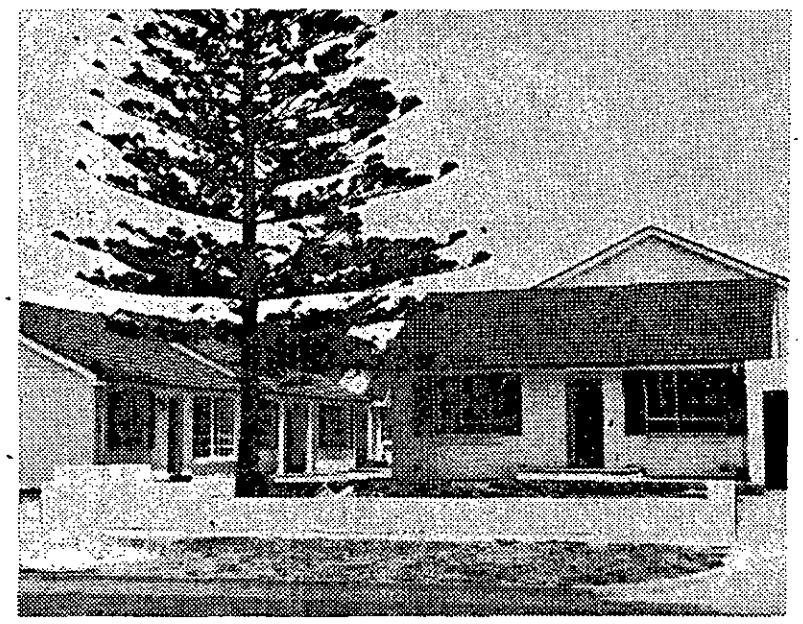

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